

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011 7:40 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ten convened the open session of the regular meeting of the City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) at 7:40 p.m. City Clerk Kilby called the roll. City Councilmembers/CRA Members present: Putnam, Schneider, and Sifuentes; Mayor Pro Tem/CRA Vice Chair Cacciotti; and Mayor/CRA Chair Ten. Members absent: None. Other officials present: Interim City Manager/CRA Executive Director Gonzalez; City Attorney/CRA Counsel Adams; Police Chief Payne; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Thai; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Toor; Planning and Building Department Director Watkins; Transportation Manager Woods; and City Clerk/CRA Secretary Kilby.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ten noted that this is the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He requested a moment of silence to remember members of the military who died that day and those who have died representing the country and protecting its liberties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS

Councilmembers made announcements.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

Interim City Manager Gonzalez requested removing Item #5, resolution confirming the existence of a local emergency, from the Consent Calendar, for separate consideration. He said that this was to add consideration to waive an encroachment fee for bin rental for windstorm-related green waste and to approve a bin-rental discount offered by Athens Services. City Attorney Adams said that these provisions have already been added to the proposed resolution. He added that the revised document was distributed to the City Council prior to the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti asked to remove the item

from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

APPROVAL OF THE CORRECTED MINUTES FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL/CRA MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2011, AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2011

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council and the City Council seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) approved the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2011, and the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2011.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$446,899.99, GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$291,970.25 AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$414,454.49

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved Prepaid Warrants #170580-170-626; General City Warrants #170627-170812; and payroll 11-23-11, a total of \$1,153,424.73. Seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), the City Council approved the CRA Warrants totaling \$11,089.56, which are included in the above total.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

REPORT OF ELECTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 7189 DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 8, 2011, AN ELECTION TO ELECT THREE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, AND TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS A MEASURE RELATED TO THE EXTENSION, CONSOLIDATION, AND REDUCTION OF A UTILITY USER'S TAX FOR TEN YEARS UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022; AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO ELECT A CITY TREASURER; CODIFY ORDINANCE NO. 2224

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7189, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011, DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW. They instructed the City Clerk to codify the ordinance approved by a majority of voters to extend, consolidate, and reduce the Utility User's Tax for ten years until June 30, 2022, to provide funding for the General Fund to pay a portion of the costs of the City's ongoing operations and costs, Ordinance No. 2224, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, REDUCING THE UTILITY USER'S TAX FROM 8% TO 7.5% AND ESTABLISHING A 10-YEAR PERIOD FOR THE TAX FROM JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2022, AS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS VOTING AT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011, WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**SECOND READING AND
ADOPTION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 2225
TO AMEND THE MUNICI-
PAL CODE ADDING A
CIVIL REMEDY FOR THE
ILLEGAL PLACEMENT OF
SIGNS IN THE CITY
RIGHT-OF-WAY,
AUTHORIZING THE CITY
TO RECOVER COST AND
HOLD PERSONS AND
ENTITIES WHO BENEFIT
FINANCIALLY, LIABLE
FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council read by title for second reading, waiving further reading, and adopted Ordinance No. 2225, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 31.2-7 TO ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 31 OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**ACCEPTANCE OF PRO-
JECT COMPLETION AND
AUTHORIZATION TO FILE
A NOTICE OF COMPLE-
TION FOR THE HUNTING-
TON FREMONT PEDES-
TRIAN UNDERPASS CLO-
SURE PROJECT, AND
AUTHORIZATION TO
RELEASE RETENTION
PAYMENT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,789 TO
RAFAEL 26
CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council accepted the project improvements for the Huntington Fremont Pedestrian Underpass Closure Project; authorized the issuance of a Notice of Completion for the project; and authorized payment of the retention in the amount of \$1,789 to Rafael 26 Construction, Inc.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
KORMX, INC. IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$72,550 FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF THE
VIA DEL REY SIDEWALK
REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(CDBG)**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council accepted a bid dated November 15, 2011, from Kormx, Inc., for the construction of the Via Del Rey Sidewalk Replacement Project (CDBG); rejected all other bids received; and authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Kormx, Inc., for a not-to-exceed amount of \$72,550.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**APPROVAL OF A CALPERS
RESOLUTION NO. 7171
TO AMEND THE
PERCENTAGE OF**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7191, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE PER-

**EMPLOYER PAID
MEMBER
CONTRIBUTIONS (EPMC)**

CENTAGE PAID BY THE EMPLOYER OF THE EMPLOYEES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT
REGARDING RECENT
WINDSTORM AND
REMOVING ITEM #5 FROM
THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

Interim City Manager Gonzalez expressed thanks to the residents for their patience and to the City staff for its efforts following the major windstorm that took place November 30-December 1, 2011. He said that a major local emergency was declared on December 1, 2011, and that within seven days the City Council must confirm the existence of the emergency. That confirmation is contained in the proposed resolution in Item #5.

In addition, he said the City wants to assist residents with the clean-up efforts, and this is the reason for removing the item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. The City Council is being asked to consider suspending the encroachment fee that is required when a bin is parked on a City street. The City's trash hauler, Athens Services, is offering a discount of 50% on trash bins for greens. A flyer was displayed on the overhead projector. These provisions are included in the revised resolution, which had been circulated to the City Council.

On a request by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, Ronald Garcia, Region Manager, Public Affairs, Southern California Edison, provided an overview of efforts to repair damage caused by the 100 mph hurricane-force winds in the area. Crews are working around the clock, he said, with more than 1,000 employees responding to the emergency. Some 440,000 customers were without electricity, he said, but fewer than 20 customers in the City are currently without power. He described Edison's efforts and responded to questions.

**APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION NO. 7190
CONFIRMING THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY IN SOUTH
PASADENA DUE TO A**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7190, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY, with the addition of a provision to waive the City

**WINDSTORM BEGINNING
NOVEMBER 30, 2011, THAT
CREATED SIGNIFICANT
DAMAGE**

encroachment fee on bin rental for the disposal of green waste resulting from the November 30-December 1, 2011, windstorm that created significant damage as follows: "That due to the significant number of trees and branches that fell during the windstorm, and due to the resulting necessity for property owners to eliminate potentially dangerous tree-related situations, the City suspends its collection of encroachment dumpster permit fees for windstorm-related green waste disposal until January 31, 2012." They approved the special discount offered by Athens Services for bin rental for green waste disposal.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**DIRECTION REGARDING
DRAFTING AN
AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2.99-29 (15) (SURPLUS
SUPPLIES AND
EQUIPMENT) OF THE
SOUTH PASADENA
MUNICIPAL CODE, TO
ALLOW FOR THE
PURCHASE OF CITY-
ISSUED PERSONAL
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
BY OUTGOING ELECTED
OFFICIALS (NO STAFF
REPORT)**

Interim City Manager Gonzalez presented the staff report on the proposal to draft an amendment to Section 2.99-29 (15) (Surplus Supplies and Equipment) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code to allow for the purchase of City-issued personal electronic equipment by outgoing elected officials. Mayor Ten provided the rationale for permitting outgoing officials to purchase their cell phones and iPads at market rate. Discussion followed.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance to amend Section 2.99-29 (15) (Surplus Supplies and Equipment) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code to allow for the purchase of City-issued personal electronic equipment by outgoing elected officials at market rate, and to bring the item back to the City Council for consideration at the next City Council meeting.

(Cacciotti, Schneider)

**STATE OF THE CITY
ADDRESS BY MAYOR
MIKE TEN**

Mayor Ten presented the State of the City address, which consisted of PowerPoint slides accompanied by music. He noted that the slides covered more than his one year as Mayor because he wanted to highlight major accomplishments that occurred during his eight years on the Council. He said street paving has accelerated; a reservoir has been built, with plans to replace a second reservoir; the Arrive Alive program has been brought back; and a natural disaster recently took place.

FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION TO FORMER CITY TREASURER VICTOR A. ROBINETTE BY MAYOR MIKE TEN

Mayor Ten introduced former City Treasurer Victor A. Robinette, who served from 1996 until June 2011. Mayor Ten provided an overview of some of the former Treasurer's accomplishments, and the Mayor presented him with a small decorative clock inscribed with his terms of office. Mr. Robinette made remarks.

FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION TO COUNCILMEMBER DAVID SIFUENTES BY MAYOR MIKE TEN

Mayor Ten introduced outgoing Councilmember David Sifuentes, presenting to him a small decorative clock inscribed with his term of office. Councilmember Sifuentes made brief remarks.

FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION TO MAYOR MIKE TEN BY MAYOR PRO TEM MICHAEL A. CACCIOTTI

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti presented a certificate from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to outgoing Mayor Ten in appreciation for all his efforts over the years. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti presented Mayor Ten with a small decorative clock inscribed with his terms of office and a Mayor's plaque to commemorate his year as Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti acknowledged Mayor Ten's contributions over the years.

PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING OFFICIALS BY OFFICES OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Teresa Lamb Simpson, representing Congressman Adam B. Schiff, and Hovanes Gasparian, representing Assemblymember Anthony Portantino, presented certificates to all three outgoing officials. Flags flown over the Capitol were presented to each from Congressman Schiff's Office. Certificates from the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich were presented to all.

REMARKS BY OUTGOING OFFICIALS

Outgoing Councilmember Sifuentes acknowledged efforts of South Pasadena public safety and public works personnel during the current windstorm crisis. He made remarks about his four years in office and goals that have been reached. He said he personally spearheaded or participated directly in numerous projects: the Arroyo Seco Golf Course/Racquet Center project, lighting improvements in Garfield Park; the establishment of a Youth Center; enacting a strong anti-smoking ordinance, and establishing bike lanes. He introduced Transportation Manager Woods, who provided a status report on the City's bike lanes. He commended Mr. Woods for his efforts. He commended City Clerk Kilby and Deputy City Clerk Kbjian for their work on behalf of the City and City

Council. He thanked all City employees as "unsung heroes." He thanked his family and his supporters.

Mayor Ten noted some projects that are as yet unfinished: completing the Gold Line mitigations; restoring the Pasadena Avenue/Monterey Road dual crossing; resolving the Cheltenham Way temporary barrier; and initiating senior housing after the loss of the only senior apartment facility in the City.

**RECESS FOR FAREWELL
RECEPTION**

Mayor Ten recessed the meeting at 8:38 p.m. for a farewell reception for outgoing officials and invited all to attend.

**MEETING RECONVENED
BY MAYOR PRO TEM
CACCIOTTI**

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti reconvened the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATION OF
OATH OF OFFICE TO BOB
JOE, ELECTED AS A CITY
COUNCILMEMBER, BY
JUDGE RUTH KWAN,
CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR
COURT, AND
PRESENTATION OF
CERTIFICATE OF
ELECTION BY CITY
CLERK SALLY KILBY**

Judge Ruth Kwan, California Superior Court, administered the Oath of Office to Robert S. "Bob" Joe, elected as a City Councilmember at the November 8, 2011, General Municipal Election. Prior to administering the Oath, Judge Kwan made remarks commending incoming Councilmember Joe. He was presented with a Certificate of Election by City Clerk Kilby. He thanked his parents, ages 94 and 87, who were in the audience; family and friends; Judge Ruth Kwan; and the residents of South Pasadena. He made related remarks.

**ADMINISTRATION OF
OATH OF OFFICE AND
PRESENTATION OF CER-
TIFICATE OF ELECTION
TO MARINA KHUBESRIAN,
M.D., ELECTED AS A CITY
COUNCILMEMBER, BY
CITY CLERK SALLY
KILBY**

City Clerk Kilby administered the Oath of Office to Marina Khubesrian, M.D., elected as a City Councilmember at the November 8, 2011, General Municipal Election, and presented her with a Certificate of Election. Dr. Khubesrian made remarks. She introduced her family and friends and acknowledged their support. She expressed thanks to the residents of South Pasadena for electing her to represent them. She thanked her campaign committee. She made related remarks.

**ADMINISTRATION OF
OATH OF OFFICE AND
PRESENTATION OF
CERTIFICATE OF
ELECTION TO RICHARD D.
SCHNEIDER, M.D., RE-**

City Clerk Kilby administered the Oath of Office to Richard D. Schneider, M.D., re-elected as a City Councilmember at the November 8, 2011, General Municipal Election, and she presented him with a Certificate of Election. He introduced his family, thanking them along with his supporters and fellow

**ELECTED AS A COUNCIL-
MEMBER, BY CITY CLERK
SALLY KILBY**

outgoing Councilmembers. He welcomed new Councilmembers. He expressed appreciation for the campaigns run by fellow candidates. He made related remarks.

**ADMINISTRATION OF
OATH OF OFFICE AND
PRESENTATION OF
CERTIFICATE OF
ELECTION TO GARY E.
PIA, ELECTED AS CITY
TREASURER, BY CITY
CLERK SALLY KILBY**

City Clerk Kilby administered the Oath of Office to Gary E. Pia, elected as City Treasurer at the November 8, 2011, Special Municipal Election, and she presented him with a Certificate of Election. He made remarks about the position of City Treasurer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
Trees and leaves accumulating
in City due to windstorm**

Odom Stamps, 318 Fairview Avenue, noted that significant numbers of trees were lost in the recent windstorm. Leaves are piled high in the streets throughout the City, he said. He suggested that the City remove the debris instead of leaving this to individual owners. Interim City Manager Gonzalez responded, reviewing the City's clean-up efforts.

Utility User's Tax passage

Ted Shaw, 533 Orange Grove Avenue, Chair, Citizens in Favor of Measure UT, provided a review of the tax measure following the City Council's request in March that the City Finance Committee study the need to renew the Utility User's Tax. The measure appeared on the November 8, 2011, City election ballot, he said, and the measure passed by 54%. However, he said some voters did not support its passage. He introduced members of the Committee. He said it is now time to bury the hatchets and work together as "one big happy family."

Impact of windstorm on trees

Kim Hughes, 1956 Huntington Drive, Chair, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC), said that the City has lost hundreds of trees in the recent windstorm. The NREC would like to take a leadership role, she said, and set a special meeting to discuss a plan to deal with the lost trees. She described how the NREC could assist in the efforts. She suggested that individuals consider a gift of a tree for the holidays. Councilmember Schneider supported holding a special meeting and donating to a fund to replace the trees. He suggested that some trees could have been saved if they had been better maintained. He recommended that NREC consider incorporating

the issue of proper maintenance.

**Police Department employee
benefits**

Members of the South Pasadena Police Department spoke in opposition to the City Council's decisions regarding employee benefits: Fernando Sandoval, no address stated, Police Officer, said he is disappointed in the Council's direction. He said valuable employees are retiring as a result of the change in benefits. He said there is no reason to cut benefits since the budget is balanced. Brian Solinsky, no address stated, Police Officer, urged the Council to act responsibly and thoroughly investigate the options. City employees are the lowest paid in the San Gabriel Valley, he said. Tom Jacobs, Police Officer, Vice President, Police Officers' Association (POA), urged the City Council to return to the negotiating table. He said there is no financial imperative to impose these terms and conditions. He said the Police Officers are committed to providing the best public safety services possible. Spencer Louie, Police Officer, spoke about the benefits the residents of South Pasadena enjoy due to excellence of the Police Department. He spoke about poor morale. He requested leaving the contract as it is. Mike Neff, Police Sergeant, said in his many years with the City, a contract has never been imposed. He suggested the City Council direct staff back to the bargaining table to work out a compromise settlement. He said the POA is an association, not a union, and it will never go on strike or call a "blue flu."

**Windstorm, tree management
policies, reserves**

Carrie Adrian, 602 Garfield Avenue, thanked City staff for its efforts during the windstorm. In regard to tree policies, she said that trees in Garfield Park would not have been lost if the City had trimmed the trees. She said that she supports maintaining reserves, and that this type of disaster provides an example of why reserves are necessary. As Chair of the Finance Committee, she said she plans to suggest adopting a formal reserves policy.

**Windstorm and City Public
Works staffing**

Diana Mahmud, 1602 Camden Parkway, Member, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC), said she understood that a Public Works employee who is also an arborist has been assigned to the sewer division. Considering the needs created by the recent windstorm, she suggested that this

reassignment be reconsidered due to the need to undertake a tree survey to identify what the City has, what's been lost, and what replacements are needed. She suggested hiring additional arborists. In regard to donations to replace trees, she said the City already has a tree dedication program.

Brief discussion took place about the special meeting scheduled by the NREC, with Interim City Manager Gonzalez and City Attorney Adams responding to questions.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND
ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION NO. 7192
AMENDING USER FEES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12**

Finance Director Thai presented the staff report on the proposed changes in user fees for FY 2011-12. He and Community Services Director Pautsch responded to questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti opened the public hearing. No one came forward and he closed the public hearing.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7192, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, REVISING THE MASTER SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12.

(Putnam, Joe)

**APPROVAL OF A LEASE
AGREEMENT WITH
ITENNIS, INC. FOR THE
ARROYO SECO RACQUET
CLUB**

Community Services Director Pautsch presented the staff report on the proposed lease agreement with iTennis for the Arroyo Seco Racquet Club. She and City Attorney Adams responded to questions about the facility, the lease agreement, and community outreach.

John Letts, Arroyo Seco Racquet Club, 920 Lohman Lane, sole owner, iTennis, Inc., said he is looking forward to a long-term relationship with the City. He said he will start renovating the facility immediately.

Alan Ehrlich, 1633 Maple Street, asked about the City's options if, after three years, the planned improvements have not been made. He suggested requiring a performance bond or depositing the rent credit amount of approximately \$3,700 into an

escrow account that iTennis could draw from to fund repairs.

Discussion continued, focusing on what the monthly rental charge should be after 5-10 years once a cost of living percentage is added and considering that the value of the property will increase after improvements are made. Councilmember Putnam said that after 10 years, the monthly rental amount should be either the fair market rate or the initial rent of \$7,000/month plus cost-of-living increases for the ten-year period. City Attorney Adams, Councilmember Schneider, and Interim City Manager Gonzalez contributed to the discussion. Community Services Director Pautsch said that the agreement can be postponed until this issue is negotiated. Interim City Manager Gonzalez said that negotiations could be reconvened with Mr. Letts.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti reopened the public comment period.

John Letts, iTennis, Inc., made remarks about his longstanding interest and financial investment in the facility. He reviewed his experience as a tenant since May, stating that he received a substantial rent increase from \$1,700 to \$7,000/month as well as an eviction notice. He is unable to make capital improvements, he said, due to roof problems and consequences. He has lost members as a result, he said. No improvement can be made until the Council approves the lease agreement, he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti closed the public comment period. He suggested forming a subcommittee of Councilmember Putnam and another Councilmember to meet and develop a counterproposal to resolve this promptly so that Mr. Letts can operate his business. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti provided an overview of efforts over five years to improve the returns to the City from the facility.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council established a Council subcommittee consisting of Councilmembers Putnam and Khubesian and staff to negotiate with the Arroyo Seco Racquet Club operator John Letts and to return to the City Council

at the December 21, 2011, regularly scheduled meeting with a counterproposal to the proposed lease agreement for the Arroyo Seco Racquet Club. When the subcommittee meets, it was determined by the City Council that various points raised by Councilmembers and speakers during this discussion would be taken under consideration.

(Cacciotti, Khubesrian)

**ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION NO. 7193
ESTABLISHING NEW
BOUNDARIES FOR THE
OAK STREET
PREFERENTIAL PARKING
DISTRICT AND RESCIND
RESOLUTION NO. 6782**

Police Chief Payne presented the staff report on the proposed new boundaries for the Oak Street Preferential Parking District. He and Interim City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions.

Gail Radon, 1718 Oak Street, said she is representing neighbors on the north side of Oak Street between Fair Oaks and Marengo adjacent to the South Pasadena Middle School. She submitted a letter signed by five residents of Oak Street that was placed on vehicles parked on Oak Street in September addressed to South Pasadena Middle School teachers, substitute teachers, and visitors. She also submitted a written copy of her remarks. She said she is sometimes unable to park on Oak Street due to teachers parking on her street, while at the same time numerous parking spots are available in the school parking lot.

Councilmembers were reluctant to create another preferential parking district simply because school employees will not use their designated parking lot.

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 no, Councilmember Putnam), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7193, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 6782, ESTABLISHING RESTRICTED PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF OAK STREET FROM MARENGO AVENUE TO FAIR OAKS AVENUE, AND DESIGNATING A NEW PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT IN ACCORD WITH SECTION 22507 OF THE VEHICLE CODE.

(Schneider, Khubesrian)

**AUTHORIZATION TO
RENEW ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSULTING SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH JOHN
L. HUNTER &
ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2011-12**

Public Works Director Toor presented the staff report on the proposed environmental consulting services agreement with John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc. He and John Hunter, President, John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc., responded to questions.

Councilmember Khubesian requested that an item be added to a future agenda to report on the previous sewer spills: cause, location, and dates, so that they can be tracked when it comes time to renew the agreement at the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti invited any other consultants present to speak. Ray Tahir, Principal, TEC Environmental, representing one of the companies that submitted a bid, responded to a question posed by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti about his bid. He said he and Mr. Hunter differ primarily in their position on conducting a trash study vs. installing debris screens. Mr. Hunter responded, providing his rationale for a trash study as opposed to screens. Discussion followed. Public Works Director Toor contributed.

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 no, Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti), the City Council authorized the City Manager to renew a consultant services agreement with John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc., for a not-to-exceed amount of \$56,240 for as-needed environmental consulting services for FY 2011-2012.

(Putnam, Joe)

**PUBLIC COMMENT CARD
SUBMITTED AFTER
PERMITTED PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD
Recycling debris from wind-
storm; labor negotiations with
Police Department**

Holly Hawk, 1503 Mission Street, asked whether the City has any mulching facilities to sell to residents to recycle leaves from the windstorm. Wood can be recycled, she said. She opposed the City's position related to employee benefits for Police Officers.

**COUNCILMEMBERS'
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Khubesian commented that it was a miracle that no one was hurt during the recent windstorm. She said it could have been much worse. She inquired about the status of the City's emergency preparedness plan and requested that discussion of emergency preparedness be added to a future agenda,

seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti also requested a report on how well City departments responded during the recent windstorm, including interactions with utilities, outside mutual aid, and other issues. Councilmember Khubesrian raised the issue of the untimely notification of school closures. Councilmember Putnam reported on the City's emergency preparedness project, which has been underway for some time.

Councilmember Schneider requested that the City Manager conduct a thorough review of all the items that the City Council has requested recently to be added to future agendas.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti announced he will be scheduling a strategic planning meeting, perhaps March 2012, in anticipation of the 2012-13 budget.

Councilmember Putnam said that the City Council usually cancels the meeting coinciding with the school spring break. By consensus, the City Council requested that this request be added to a future agenda for consideration by the entire Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested that a 2011-12 budget status report be presented at the meeting of January 16, 2012, seconded by Councilmember Putnam.

**CITY MANAGER
ANNOUNCEMENT:
LOSSES FROM
WINDSTORM**

Interim City Manager Gonzalez noted that the City may apply for reimbursement from the Office of Emergency Management for losses incurred during the recent windstorm of November 30-December 1, 2011. Police Chief Payne has taken the lead to document the information necessary for reimbursement, he said. Residents may apply for zero-interest loans or reimbursement, he said. Police Chief Payne described the program and displayed information on the overhead projector. He said it has been recommended that the Governor declare a State of Emergency.

Chief Payne said he and the Fire Department are prepared to address the issues of the City's response to the windstorm. He briefly reviewed the City's response. Councilmember Schneider urged the City

to consider purchasing back-up power generating capability for the water system. Chief Payne responded to questions.

**RECESS TO CLOSED
SESSION**

By consensus, the City Council recessed to Closed Session at 11:32 p.m., leaving the dais in order to meet in City Hall, 1414 Mission Street, Second Floor, Conference Room A.


**CLOSED SESSION: LABOR
NEGOTIATIONS
PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 54957.6.**

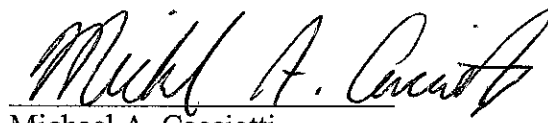
City Attorney Adams reported that the City Council reconvened in the City Hall Second Floor Conference Room A to discuss one Closed Session item. He stated that no one from the public was present to give public comment. The City Council met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 regarding labor negotiations with the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association (POA) with labor negotiators Interim City Manager Sergio Gonzalez and Richard Kreisler. The City Council received a briefing from negotiators, he said. However, he said, the City Council made no final decisions and took no action.

**CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, City Attorney Adams said that the City Council adjourned the meeting at 12:25 a.m. December 8, 2011.


Sally Kilby
City Clerk
CRA Secretary


Michael A. Cacciotti
Mayor
CRA Chair